

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 628

By Bell

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Cleveland High School wrestling team upon winning the 2018 Dual and Traditional TSSAA State Wrestling Championships.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize and applaud those successful sports teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable group of student athletes is the Cleveland High School wrestling team, which recently won both the 2018 Dual and Traditional Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) State Wrestling Championships; and

WHEREAS, state championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel with a cooperative spirit, and the Cleveland Blue Raiders exhibited each of these rare qualities during their fabulous championship season; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2018, the Cleveland High School wrestling team stormed its way across the bracket and defeated contenders from Centennial High School, Wilson Central High School, and Science Hill High School, outpacing them all to win the state Dual Wrestling Championship, with a combined final score of 194-78; and

WHEREAS, never relenting in their pursuit of athletic excellence, the Blue Raiders continued their championship run by winning the TSSAA Wrestling State Championship; and

WHEREAS, traveling to the Williamson County Agricultural Expo on February 17, 2018, the Blue Raiders conquered the mat yet again and claimed the championship title with a total score of 189 points; and

WHEREAS, these victories conclude an impressive 34-1 season, give the wrestling team thirty-three individual state winners, and increase the program's number of dual and traditional titles to fourteen; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary group of student athletes undoubtedly benefited from the vast knowledge and steadfast leadership of their head coach, Joey Knox; and

WHEREAS, these young men epitomize all that is good in today's student athletes, as they have achieved the highest level of success and shown the highest degree of character both in and out of the athletic arena; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Cleveland High School wrestling team for serving as examples of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the Cleveland High School wrestling team upon winning the 2018 Dual and Traditional TSSAA State Wrestling Championships, salute the team's collective athletic prowess, and extend to each player our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.